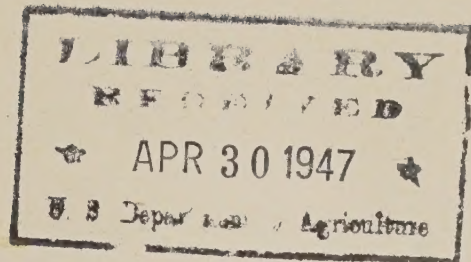


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VESPER IRIS (Dichotoma)

(Improved Bloese strain)

Of the more than five hundred different species of Iris found growing in various parts of the world there is none easier to grow or more interesting than the Vesper Iris, a native of the northern plains of China. This unique flower not only produces more blossoms than any other Iris, but it also has a longer blooming period.

The Vesper Iris does not produce a rhizome or a bulb, but just a little bundle of fibrous roots. The plants are very small and do not look imposing, but the second year, when well established, produce a wealth of bloom. The first time they flower, however, there will be but few flowers on comparatively short stalks.

The Vesper Iris will thrive in almost any soil and does not require full sun. It comes up rather late in spring; therefore the plants should be marked with a stake to prevent them from being hoed out.

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING—Remove the moss from the plants. Prepare the soil as for garden vegetables. Bone meal is a good fertilizer. Vigoro is also excellent and readily obtainable.

Make a trench several inches deep. Hold the Vesper Iris in one hand, spread the rootlets out well and then fill in the soil with the other hand. Tamp the ground firmly in place with the ball of the foot. Water the plants thoroughly after sundown and provide shade if the weather is very hot. If there is no rain, water once a week.

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